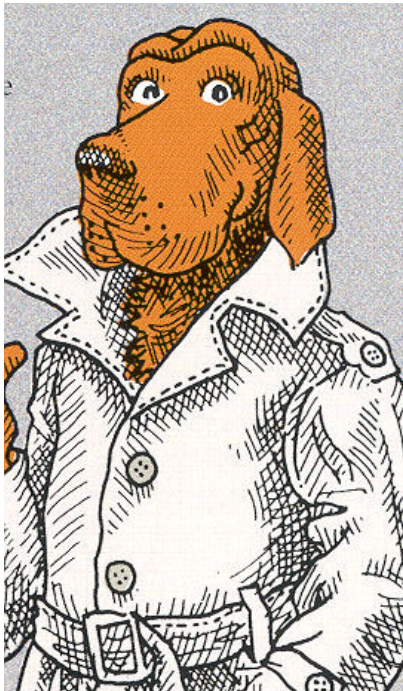


**LINCOLN POLICE DEPARTMENT
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**A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE HELP IN
NEIGHBORHOODS FOR CHILDREN IN
EMERGENCY OR SCARY
SITUATIONS**

WHAT IS A McGRUFF HOUSE ?

A McGruff House is a temporary haven for children who find themselves in emergency or frightening situations. Children who are being bullied, followed, or have been hurt could stop at a McGruff House for assistance.

What do McGruff House volunteers do?

Volunteers provide emergency help for children as they go to and from school or are at play in the area.

McGruff House volunteers do:

- Telephone appropriate authorities for help.
- Reassure and aid children who are frightened or lost.
- Assist children who have medical emergencies by getting appropriate help.
- Assist those who are in immediate fear of becoming victims of a crime.
- Report crimes and suspicious activity to the police.

McGruff House volunteers do not:

- Personally provide first aid or administer medication except in extreme emergencies and only then if qualified.
- Act as an escort service.
- Provide toilet facilities.
- Provide a place to warm up or to cool down.
- Provide food or beverages.
- Assume the roll of a neighborhood supervisor.
- Guarantee safety.
- Enforce laws.



WHY McGRUFF HOUSE?

McGruff The Crime Dog is recognized by over 90% of America's children because they have seen him on television or in their school. The program is nationwide and the symbol is known regardless of where you move.

The McGruff House Program has built-in safeguards against abuses. While it is impossible to guarantee total safety this program screens applicants before they are accepted as volunteers. A confidential criminal history check is done on each applicant and anyone in the household over 18 years of age. The distribution of McGruff House signs is tracked by a serial number that appears on each sign.

McGruff House is a national program but it is operated at a local level by your police department and schools.

McGruff House is a nationwide program that establishes consistent standards, guidelines and safeguards.

McGruff House groups are established for each elementary school area. Use your school's parent organization to facilitate getting volunteers. At the end of a school year start preparing for the next fall so you have McGruff Houses in place when school starts.

If you want more information please contact the Crime Prevention Group of the Lincoln Police Department at 441-7261